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SUBJECT: FINNS EXPEL SWEDISH CITIZEN FOR POLITICAL PAMPHLETERING

1. IRINA ELKENIN-JOHANSSON, A RUSSIAN-BORN SWEDISH NATIONAL AND EMILIA ILJINE, A FORMER SOVIET CITIZEN WHO EMIGRATED LAST FEBRUARY, WERE ARRESTED NOVEMBER 11 BY FINNISH POLICE WHILE DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS OUTSIDE THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IN HELSINKI. AN INTERVIEW WITH ELKENIN-JOHANSSON WAS PUBLISHED IN DAGENS NYHETER ON NOVEMBER 13. THE LEAFLETS IN QUESTION MENTIONED THE IMPRISONEMENT OF FIVE SOVIET WOMEN ON POLITICAL CHARGES, ALL OF WHOM WERE KNOWN TO ILJINA BEFORE SHE SUCCEEDED IN EMIGRATING FROM THE USSR AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE WITH AUTHORITIES.

2. EMBOFF WAS INTRODUCED TO ELKENIN-JOHANSSON AT RECENT SOCIAL FUNCTION. SHE TOLD HIM THAT THE FINNISH POLICE JUSTIFIED THEIR EXPULSION BY ALLEGING (1) THAT FOREIGNERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS UNDER FINNISH LAW, AND (2) THAT ALL DEMONSTRATIONS MUST FIRST BE
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AUTHORIZED BY POLICE. HOWEVER, ELKENIN-JOHANSSON EXPLAINED TO EMBOFF, SHE LATER FOUND OUT THAT SUCH LAWS DO NOT EXIST IN FINLAND AND THAT A "DEMONSTRATION" MUST HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN PARTICIPANTS TO BE QUALIFIED AS SUCH. SHE ALSO STATED THAT SHE WAS INVOLVED IN AN "INFORMATION ACTION" WHICH WAS SANCTIONED BY THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT.

3. ELKENIN-JOHANSSON ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT THE DECISION TO
EXPEL HER AND ILJINA WAS TAKEN BY THE FINNISH INTERIOR
MINISTER. SHE IS ACTIVE IN THE EMIGRE ORGANIZATION
"GREEN LANTERN" THAT FACILITATES TRAVEL OF SOVIET EMIGRES
TO WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND SPONSORS LECTURES BY
THEM.
KENNEDY-MINOTT

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